

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 5, line 13, please make the following changes in the previously amended paragraph:

"The closed end plate 53 has a plurality of aligned bores extending therethrough. A tie bar attachment bore 46 is centrally disposed through each to receive a tie bar attachment lug (not shown). The tie bar attachment lug maintains the bearing assembly's 30b connection with the tie bar 26. Further, a plurality of coupler bores (not shown) disposed through the respective surfaces. Each coupler bore receives a coupler lug 49 (FIG. 6) to forcibly join the outer housing 42b and thereby maintain the spatial integrity between the inboard and outboard bearing elements. ~~It will be appreciated that the coupler bores are positioned so as not to interfere with the insertion of the journals into the bearing assemblies 30b.~~ Further, a plurality of dowel bores extend through the closed end plate 63, with each bore receiving alignment dowels (not shown) extending from the journal end 29 (FIG. 1)."

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